drugs under category II of price control order,

(b) if so, what is the number and names of drugs so identified;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Committee was appointed to identify only drugs for category II;

(d) if so, on what basis category I drugs have been identified by the Committee,

(e) whether it is also a fact that the Kelkar Committee is also hearing submissions against inclusion of category I drugs made by some drug companies; and

(f) if so, what are the names of the drugs and the companies whose cases have been heard by the Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (c) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of the drugs identified by the Kelkar Committee for inclusion in Category II are contained in its report copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

(d) Category I drugs were recommended by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and included in the First Schedule to DPCO, 1987.

(e) and (f) The term of the Kelkar Committee has been extended for a period of six months to perform the function of reviewing any representations received by the Government regarding any discrepancies, anomalies, etc. in the list of drugs of the new DPCO, 1987 and give its recommendations to the Government on the same.

Multinationals' Pressure for New DPCO

941. SHRI M A. BABY:
DR. R. K PODDAR:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the new Drug Prices Control Order was the result of pressures exerted by the drug manufacturing multi-national companies;

(b) if so, what made the Government to succumb to such pressures at the cost of the consumers in the country, and

(c) whether any investigation is likely to be made into this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K JAICHANDRA SINGH). (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise

Survey for unauthorised LPG connections

942 SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI RAM CHANDRA VIKAL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether any survey has been made to know the number of unauthorised LPG connections in Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta, Haryana and U P during the last two years; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) If not, what steps Government are taking to check the growth of such unauthorised connections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT). (a) No, Sir,

(b) Though the mechanism of periodical inspections of LPG distributorships, carried out by Sales Officers, Divisional Managers, Technical Audit Deptt., Vigilance Cell, etc., cases of unauthorised connections, too, are detected by the Oil Companies.

Category I Drugs

943 DR. H P. SHARMA:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare had recommended about 150 drugs to be placed in category I drugs but only 27 of them find place in the list; if so, what are the reasons therefor, and

(b) what are the names of the drugs which are required under the National Health Programme and which of them have not been placed in Category I list of drugs ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) and (b) The drugs required for the National Health Programme were recommended by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for inclusion in Category I and included in the First Schedule to the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987. The Order was notified on 26th August, 1987 and copies thereof were laid on the Table of the House on 27th August, 1987.

Kelkar Committee Report

944 DR H P. SHARMA :
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY :
Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that apart from identifiying the drugs for price control under Category II, Kelkar Committee made other recommendations in the report; and

(b) if so, what are the details of these recommendations and how many of them have been accepted by his Ministry ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of the recommendations of the Committee are contained in its report, copies of which are available in the Parliament Library

Drugs excluded from Price Control List

945 DR RATNAKAR PANDEY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) what has been the percentage rise in prices of 171 drugs taken out of the list of price controlled drugs since the announcement of the new DPCO;

(b) what are the factors which contributed to the increase in the price of each drugs; and

(c) how far the mark up in post manufacturing expenses allowed under the new DPCO is responsible for the price rise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K JAICHANDRA SINGH) . (a) Government has recived some reports of increase in the price of bulk Vitamins.

(b) Several factors including increase in the cost of raw materials have contributed to this.

(c) No Sir.

Decontrolling the prices of essential drugs

946 DR H P SHARMA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) what are the reasons for decontrolling the prices of even such drugs as are essential under the National Health Programme; and

(b) how many and which of such drugs have been so decontrolled ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R K JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) and (b) The drugs required for the National Health Programme were recommended by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for inclusion in Category I and included in the First Schedule to the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987 The Order was notified in the Gazette on 26th August, 1987 and copies thereof were laid on the Table of the House on 27th August, 1987.